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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2321

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2321 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-6)

7 Sec. 27-6. Courses in physical education required; special  
8 activities.

9 (a) Pupils enrolled in the public schools and State  
10 universities engaged in preparing teachers shall be required to  
11 engage daily during the school day, except on block scheduled  
12 days for those public schools engaged in block scheduling, in  
13 courses of physical education for such periods as are  
14 compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of  
15 individuals at the various age levels except when appropriate  
16 excuses are submitted to the school by a pupil's parent or

1 guardian or by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act  
2 of 1987 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
3 Section.

4 Special activities in physical education shall be provided  
5 for pupils whose physical or emotional condition, as determined  
6 by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,  
7 prevents their participation in the courses provided for normal  
8 children.

9 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled  
10 in grades 11 and 12 from engaging in physical education courses  
11 if those pupils request to be excused for any of the following  
12 reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic  
13 athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic classes which are  
14 required for admission to an institution of higher learning,  
15 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the  
16 pupil being denied admission to the institution of his or her  
17 choice; or (3) to enroll in academic classes which are required  
18 for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take  
19 such classes will result in the pupil being unable to graduate.  
20 A school board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12  
21 enrolled in a marching band program for credit from engaging in  
22 physical education courses if those pupils request to be  
23 excused for ongoing participation in such marching band  
24 program. A school board may excuse pupils in grades 9 through  
25 12 enrolled in a show choir program, for credit and taught by a  
26 licensed teacher, from engaging in physical education courses

1 if those pupils request to be excused for ongoing participation  
2 in the show choir program, if those pupils are excused only one  
3 semester per school term, and if the show choir program  
4 emphasizes dance-type movement with singing. In addition, a  
5 pupil in any of grades 3 through 12 who is eligible for special  
6 education may be excused if the pupil's parent or guardian  
7 agrees that the pupil must utilize the time set aside for  
8 physical education to receive special education support and  
9 services or, if there is no agreement, the individualized  
10 education program team for the pupil determines that the pupil  
11 must utilize the time set aside for physical education to  
12 receive special education support and services, which  
13 agreement or determination must be made a part of the  
14 individualized education program. However, a pupil requiring  
15 adapted physical education must receive that service in  
16 accordance with the individualized education program developed  
17 for the pupil. A school board may also excuse pupils in grades  
18 9 through 12 enrolled in a Reserve Officer's Training Corps  
19 (ROTC) program sponsored by the school district from engaging  
20 in physical education courses. School boards which choose to  
21 exercise this authority shall establish a policy to excuse  
22 pupils on an individual basis.

23 (c) The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
24 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-189, eff. 7-12-05; 94-198, eff. 1-1-06;  
26 94-200, eff. 7-12-05; 94-1098, eff. 2-2-07; 95-331, eff.

1 8-21-07.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.".